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Heli Tourism in Mysuru

Minister for Tourism, Ecology and Environment C.P. Yogeeshwar called on senior BJP leader and Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad at his residence in Jayalakshmipuram this morning and greeted him with a bouquet as former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda looks on.

- Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar on two-day whirlwind tour of city
- Heli Tourism planned in four tourist places: Meeting at Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel today at 4 pm
- Six 'Ambaari' double-decker buses to be flagged off at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel at 5.45 pm

Mysuru, Mar.2 (MTY&DM)- The State Government is seriously considering introduction of Heli Tourism at four popular tourist destinations in Karnataka including Mysuru, Mangaluru and Hampi, said Minister for Tourism, Ecology and Environment C.P. Yogeeshwar.

He was speaking to presspersons at Columbia Asia Hospital Junction, on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway where he was accorded a warm reception by BJP workers upon his arrival this morning. This was the first visit of Yogeeshwar to Mysuru after he became a Minister last month.

He contended that the Government is deliberating on the most viable plans for boosting tourism sector, which touched rock bottom following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March last year.

Pointing out that by introducing heli rides at important tourist destinations the Government aims to attract both domestic and international tourists in large numbers, Yogeeshwar hoped that the launch of heli ride, coupled with introduction of other services will give a big thrust to tourism in Mysuru region.

When questioned whether the proposed Disneyland-like Project at KRS was shelved, Yogeeshwar said that the Project is still very much alive.

Noting that the pros and cons of the implementation of this Project is being thoroughly studied, he said though the Project was the brainchild of the previous JD(S)-Congress coalition Government, the present BJP Government will do what is best for the tourism industry, without considering which Government had launched what project.

Reiterating that this Project is still at the Department level, he said that he will take up the issue at the Government level once the indepth study of the Project is completed.

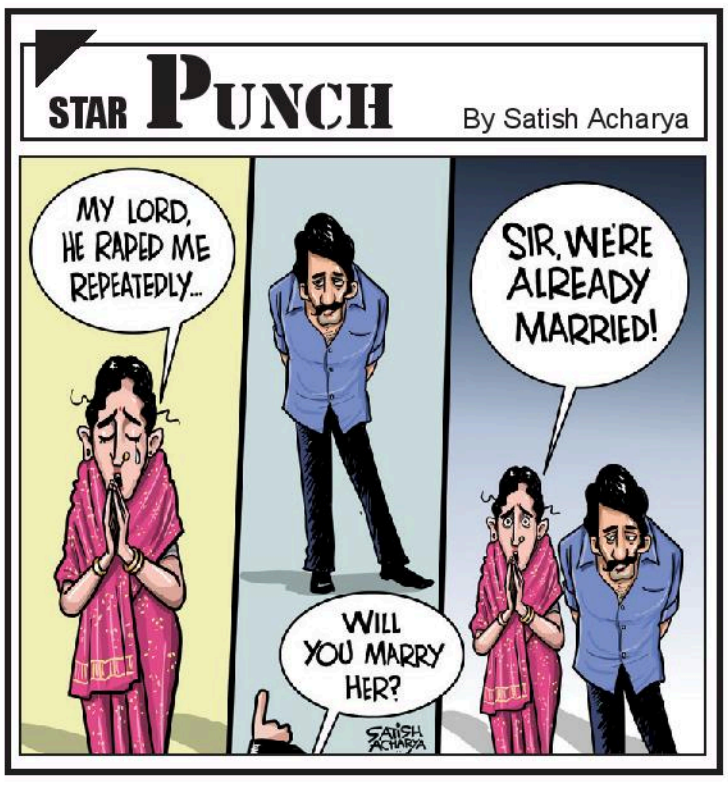
(See TOURISM on page 6)

Activists hold funeral rituals to protest tree killing

Complaint to be lodged with National Green Tribunal

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RKB&BCT)- A group of environment-conscious activists from city performed funeral rituals to a 40-year-old fully grown peepal tree that was axed near Ganapati Temple, BEML Layout in Srirampura near Muninarayanappa Layout this morning. They vented their ire at the Forest Department and resolved to lodge a complaint with the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The healthy tree which was 12 ft. in diameter was cut on Feb. 27 by Forest Department as the inmates of a house near the tree had complained that the roots of the tree was damaging the foundation of their house. Terming the felling of the tree inhuman and mindless over a silly reason, the activists decried the Forest Department move.

(See PROTEST on page 7)



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 2nd March 2021

No power supply on Mar. 3, 4

Mysuru, Mar. 2- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will take up 4th quarterly maintenance works on Mar. 3 and 4, power supply will be disrupted between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Jyothinagar Power Distribution Centre: Jalapuri, Gayathripuram, Jyothinagar, Udayagiri, Kythamaranahalli, Shanthinagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Ganeshnagar, Sathyanagar, Mahadevapura Road, German Press, Ghousianagar, Raghavendranagar, Giriyabovipalya, Yaraganahalli, Bannur Road and surrounding areas.

Bogadi Power Distribution Centre: Janathanagar, Bogadi 2nd Stage North and South, Gangothri Campus, Gangothri Quarters, Dasanakoppal, Maratikyatanahalli, Roopanagar, Deepanagar, Bogadi village, Preethi Layout, RMP Layout, Vijayanagar 3rd and 4th Stages, Hinkal, Vijayashripura, Sudha Layout, Railway Layout, SBM Layout, Vagdhevinagar, CFTRI Layout, University and surrounding areas.

Sindhuvalli Power Distribution Centre: Devirammanahalli, Devarasanahalli, Kalale, Naviluru, Sindhuvalli, Kodlapura, Kasuvinahalli villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) Limits.

Hemmaragala Power Distribution Centre: Hemmaragala, Nerale, Hedatale villages and GP limits.

Mar. 4: Hullahalli Power Distribution Centre: Hullahalli, Shiramalli, Haginavalu, Rampura, Heggadahalli, Duggahalli, Huskoru, Kurihundi, Yalahalli, Valagere, Haratale, Moballi, Gandigrama, Byalaru, Madapura and Karya GP limits.

CESC public grievances meet tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 2- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has organised a public grievances meet for consumers of Kuvempunagar Sub-Division limits tomorrow (Mar. 3) at 11 am at the Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer. The meeting will be chaired by Executive Engineer of Kuvempunagar Sub-Division. Power consumers coming under the said CESC office may participate in this programme and air their grievances, according to a press release from CESC.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In kicking off the third phase of vaccination for senior citizens and those above 45 with comorbidities by getting himself inoculated, PM Modi has given a promising impetus to the pace of vaccination. So far, vaccination hasn't matched up to India's immense population challenge but the opening of centres at neighbourhood private hospitals and flexible options for registration can give a big boost. India's vaccination strategy is very closely intertwined to its economic fortunes. A GDP contraction of 8 percent in 2020-21 requires a big bounce back in the New Year. To recover lost ground, the services sector accounting for 50 percent of India's GDP needs a confident restart. But restrictions on inter-State movement in response to February's COVID surge are symptomatic of persisting jitters. Only rapid vaccination will enable a more confident economy. Industry mavens are proposing an intensive 3-4 month vaccination effort that can cover 70 percent of the population. All the ingredients that can make this happen — more vaccine approvals, more manufacturing capacity, an open vaccine market and more private vaccination centres — can translate into a big 2021 GDP bump. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Gardener nicknamed "Mr. McDonald's"

Bergheim: A 32-year-old German gardener, nicknamed "Mr. McDonald's" has been eating at the world's most popular fast food chain every other day for the past two decades and has invested a small fortune in McDonald's-related clothes and memorabilia. He may be the biggest fan of the fast food chain.

David Geyer from Bergheim, Germany, first ate at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in 1997 and the moment he took a bite of that very first burger, he knew that the iconic fast food brand would become a part of his life forever. He realised just how passionate he was about McDonald's when he got his first job and started spending more time at the local McD's than he did at his mother's dining table. His love for the fast food chain has since transcended food, as he has since gotten permanent McDonald's tattoos and invested in burger-themed clothing and memorabilia as well.

Attends online Court hearing while operating

California: A Californian plastic surgeon is being investigated after he attended a virtual court hearing while operating on a patient.

Dr. Scott Green reportedly turned up for the video conference - which concerned a traffic violation - while in an operating room and wearing surgical scrubs.

A courtroom clerk asked Dr Green: "Are you available for trial? It kind of looks like you're in an operating room." The doctor confirmed that he was in the middle of surgery, but urged the Court to proceed.

Dr. Green appeared to continue working with his head down while he waited for the trial to begin. But when the judge entered the chamber, he said he was reluctant to proceed over concerns for the patient's welfare.

HEALTH CAPSULE

A bone-density test is a way to measure the strength of your bones. The test, called a DEXA scan, is a kind of X-ray. The main reason to have the test is to find and treat serious bone loss, called osteoporosis, and prevent fractures and disability.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak- Consultant, Obstetrics & Gynaecology

COLUMBIA ASIA

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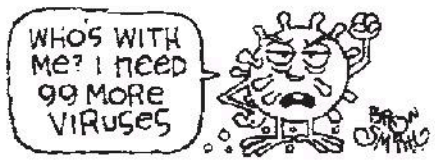


Just 100 cold or flu viruses are enough to cause illness. The cold is a viral condition that affects the upper respiratory tract, primarily the nose. The throat, sinuses and larynx may also be involved. Over 200 virus strains can cause a cold. Rhino-viruses are the most common strain.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 28	MAR. 1
Day's Positive Cases	11	14
Total Positive Cases	54,097	54,111
Day's Discharges	20	25
Total Discharges	52,862	52,887
Day's Deaths	0	1
Total Deaths	1,030	1,031
Total Active Cases	205	193

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Symposium on 'Myths and Facts about COVID vaccine'

Mysuru, Mar. 2 - A symposium on 'Myths and Facts about COVID Vaccine' will be held on Mar. 4 at 11 am at Prof. Chinnaswamy Setty Conference Hall, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy, Krishnamurthypuram, in association with Department of AYUSH and People's Association for Geriatric Empowerment (PAGE), Mysuru.

Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean & Director, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), will inaugurate. N. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary and S.L. Ramachandra, G.C. Member, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, Dr. L.N. Shenai, Assistant Director, Government Ayurvedic Research Centre, AYUSH, Mysuru, Dr. Pratibha Pereira, Head, Department of Geriatrics, JSS Medical College and Hospital and Dr. P.L. Basavanna, Head, Clinical Pharmacology, MMC&RI, will be the resource persons. Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi, Principal, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy, will preside. For details, call Ph: 0821-2488612.

REALLY...?

- *It's no secret that animals communicate with each other all the time. But when scientists recorded and translated the communication between Egyptian fruit bats, it turns out that they weren't just having a conversation: they were full-on arguing with each other. Sometimes the bats argued about food, while other times their disagreements centred on sleeping arrangements.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Tommy, you are very poor in Chemistry. I had given you imposition to write 20 times that you had done wrong. But you wrote only 10 times. Why?*

Tommy: *I am poor in Arithmetic also!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.87
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.98
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.24

VOICE OF THE READER

Stop dumping debris on this Road

Sir,

At the critical junction of Maruti temple road and the newly widened road by spending huge amount of law-abiding tax-payers money, leading to the Mysore University Campus, indiscriminate dumping of debris is increasing by the day.

Now the debris is above the level of the road, which is not only an eyesore but also spoiling the footpaths, forcing pedestrians to fall prey to fast moving vehicles, blocking the rain water flow under the bridge which may damage the newly laid road.

I request all the concerned to stop dumping of debris on this road immediately.

—Dr. M. Shyam Prasad
K.M. Puram
20.2.2021

Co-op. Societies told to double check authenticity of documents before advancing loans

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MTY&DM)- With rising cases of unscrupulous persons submitting fake documents to avail loans or to buy or sell of properties, being reported of late, Co-operation Department officials have asked Co-operative Societies to double check the authenticity of documents before advancing loans.

Speaking after inaugurating a 'Subject-based training workshop' for CEOs and Managers of Co-operative Societies organised under the aegis of Karnataka State Souharda Samyukta Co-operative Societies Association at the Institution of Engineers Hall here recently, Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies G.R. Vijayakumar said that of late, loan advancements and loan recoveries have become a challenging task for the Co-operative Societies.

Emphasising on the need to double check the documents submitted for loans, Vijayakumar cautioned that the Societies will have to face problems if they ignore to do so. Expressing concern that unscrupulous persons are using the latest technology to create fake documents, he said that it has become difficult even for an experienced person to tell whether the documents are genuine or fake. Stressing on the need to carry out document checks at various levels before advancing loans, he said that Society Managements too have an equal responsibility.

Regretting that several Souharda Societies and Banks have shut down overnight after duping depositors, Vijayakumar said that such instances have been rising with many customers knocking on the doors of the Co-operation Department seeking justice. Stressing on the need for co-ordination between managements and staff for successful working of Co-operative Societies and Banks, he opined that managements should not force the staff to advance loans to persons recommended by them, if the documents submitted are not in order.

25 lakh readers avail e-library membership during pandemic

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (YDS&SSV)- The e-library facility got a tremendous response during Corona pandemic with over 25 lakh persons taking membership for digital libraries for one year, said Satishkumar, Director, Department of Public Libraries. He was speaking after releasing the Kannada book 'Chowpadiya Shishira' by K.S. Simha under the aegis of Vaidyavartha at Institution of Engineers here recently.

Satishkumar said e-library was started on Feb. 26 last year to take library facilities to the doorsteps of people during COVID-19 pandemic. In one year, as many as 25 lakh people have taken membership for digital libraries. Among them, Dakshina Kannada district stands first with 4 lakh membership, followed by Kalaburagi district with 3.97 lakh membership and Hassan district with 2.25 lakh membership. In Mysuru district, 11,000 citizens have availed membership.

He said 25 lakh members have read 25 lakh books so far. In the last 10-11 months, 31.51 million people have visited the digital public library website. For first time in the country, 30 district libraries, 26 city libraries and 216 taluk libraries have been digitalised. The State has a population 6.5 crore people and there are 7,500 libraries. However, Uttar Pradesh, with 25 crore population, has just 72 libraries, Haryana 15 and Rajasthan has 68 libraries. People having smart phones can take membership for e-library and read 4.34 lakh digital books. Besides, they can read books related to competitive exams and newspapers free of cost.

Apart from this, text books from 1st to 10th std. (State, CBSE and NCERT syllabus) were also available online. If students lose textbook, they need not buy it from market as it was available free of cost in e-libraries, he said.

Share PDF files

Satishkumar opined if authors give PDF copies of their works, their books could be read by the entire world. So, the authors can share PDF copies with the Department to put it on digital platform. Every year, around 8,000 to 10,000 books come before the Books Selection Committee which included Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Urdu and Marathi, and they were selected in a most transparent manner, he added

Dr. Siddaramaiah, Acting Vice-Chancellor, JSS Science and Technology University, Prof. K. Bhairavamurthy, litterateur, Dr. M.G.R. Urs, Founder Director, Vaidyavartha Publication, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, President, Urs Academy Charitable Trust, Halappagowda, noted limerick litterateur, A.S. Satish, President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, B. Harish, President, Rotary Aisiri and K.S. Simha, noted writer, were present.

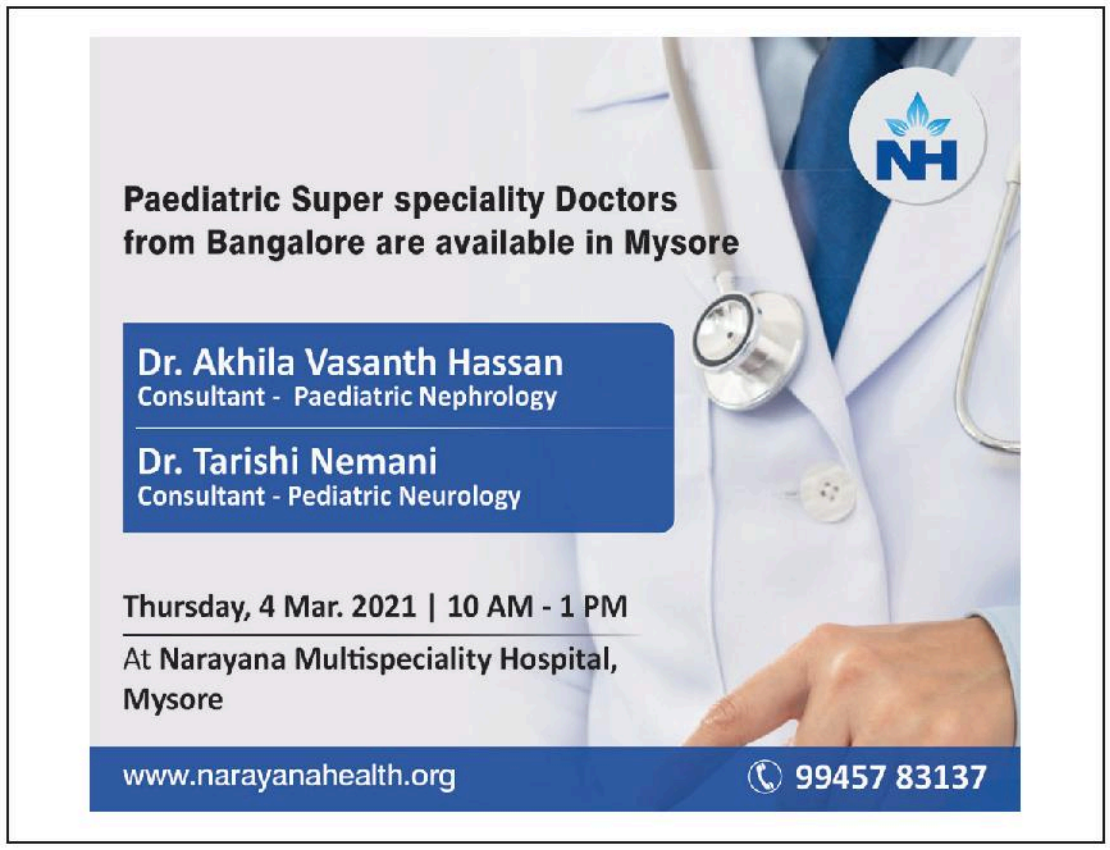
Appointed as Music Varsity Academic Council members

Dr. Prasanna

Mysuru, Mar. 2- The State Government has appointed eight personalities, including three from Mysuru, as Academic Council members of Mysuru-based KSGH Music and Performing Arts University with immediate effect.

They are: Dr. Prasanna, Manjappa and N. Srinath of Mysuru, Ganesh J. Koolambi of Shivamogga, Ramya Vasishta, Anuradha Vikrant and Dr. R.A. Raghavendra of Bengaluru and Venugopal of Tumbasoge in H.D. Kote taluk, Mysuru district.

Dr. Prasanna of Mysuru can be contacted on Mob: 98458-60528; Manjappa is a resident of No. 52, Ayodhyanagar, near Naidu Stores, Srirampura II Stage and can be contacted on Mob: 99026-46948. N.Srinath is a resident of No.1475/K4, 3rd Cross, Thyagaraja road, Katwadipura Agrahara, K.R. Mohalla; Venugopal of Tumbasoge village in H.D. Kote can be contacted on Mob: 99160-02477.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NEWS BRIEFS

Society office shifted

The office of Bhooshira Housing Co-operative Society, which was located at No. 856, 12th Cross, Basaveshwara Road, has now been shifted to No. 1618, 1st Floor, P&T Block, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, with effect from Mar. 1. The members of the Society should take note of this and correspond with the new office address at Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Mob: 97394-59983 or 93424-31144.

Ph.D monthly scholarship

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited online applications from Backward community students (Category-1, 2A, 3A and 3B) pursuing Ph.D research degree, for availing monthly student scholarship/ Fellowship. The eligible Ph.D students can apply online: *www.backwardclasses.kar.nic.in* before Mar. 3. For details, contact Mob: 80507-70004, according to a press release from the Backward Classes Welfare Department District Officer.

Unanimously elected

L. Revannasiddaiah and A.S. Channabasappa have been unanimously elected as the President and Vice-President of JSS Prasada Nilayagala Hiriya Vidyarthigala Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha, Gangothri Layout, Mysuru, respectively, for a term of five years, according to the Returning Officer of the Sangha.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	108.90	feet
Yesterday	:	108.90	feet
Inflow	:	438	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,184	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,269.35	feet
Inflow	:	81	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,093	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,823.42	feet
Inflow	:	49	cusecs
Outflow	:	30	cusecs

Management of Government records is vital, says official

State Archives Department Deputy Director Dr. Gavisiddaiah inaugurates 2-day workshop on 'Public Records Act'

Deputy Director of Karnataka State Archives Department Dr. Gavisiddaiah (extreme right) taking a look at a document at the Divisional office of the State Archives Department at Vishweshwaranagar, Mysuru, yesterday as Retired Deputy Director of the Department Dr. J.V. Gayatri, Senior Assistant Director of Divisional Archives Office H.L. Manjunath and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (PM&DM)- Stating that proper management of Government records is vital in the backdrop of RTI (Right To Information) Act and Sakala scheme, Deputy Director of Karnataka State Archives Department Dr. Gavisiddaiah said that with a proper management mechanism in place now, all Government records which were hitherto dumped at a place or neglected, have now found a safe place.

He was speaking at the two-day workshop on 'Public Records Act and maintenance of records' organised at the Divisional office of the State Archives Department at Vishweshwaranagar here yesterday.

Pointing out that the significance of Government documents has increased with the introduction of RTI Act, Sakala scheme and Seva Sindhu portal, Dr. Gavisiddaiah said that the concerned staff have to pay a small penalty if documents or records sought by the public under these Acts are not given within the stipulated time.

Pointing out that as per Public Records Act, the records have to be conserved for a specified period of time, he said that not doing so, will become problematic in the future. Also any document cannot be destroyed until it is recorded or reviewed, he noted.

Stating that documents should be classified under A, B, C and D categories, he said that A category documents should be conserved for an indefinite period, while B category documents for a period of 30 years, C category for a period of 10 years and D category till all files are cleared.

Maintaining that the members of the public can apply online through Seva Sindhu portal for seeking Government documents, Gavisiddaiah said that this portal has been launched in order to deliver service at the doorsteps of the people.

Senior Assistant Director of Divisional Archives Office H.L. Manjunath said that the Government on Feb. 4, 2011, has issued an order to all Departments asking them to properly manage all documents as per the Public Documents Conservation Rules of 2010.

Retired Deputy Director of the Department Dr. J.V. Gayatri was the chief guest during the inaugural. Senior Assistant Director of the Department N. Mahesh and other officials were present.

'Make licence mandatory for retail & wholesale tobacco vendors'

Bengaluru, Mar. 2 (SSV)- All retailers and wholesalers should have a licence to sell tobacco products. These licences should be displayed prominently at all premises engaged in sale of tobacco products and must be renewed annually.

This has been one of the major recommendations of National Law School of India University (NLSIU) in its report submitted to Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It has released a report-Framework for implementation of tobacco vendor licencing in India.

Licencing of tobacco vendors is critical to regulate accessibility of tobacco products for protecting Indians from lifelong suffering caused by these addictive products. The adoption of licencing of those selling cigarettes, beedis and chewing tobacco products, will also facilitate effective enforcement of tobacco control law and policies.

The report analysed the concept of vendor licencing to regulate manufacture, sale and use of tobacco products in India. It examined the practice and procedure on vendor licencing adopted by various States and cities in India. The report proposes a model framework for tobacco vendor licencing in consonance with existing laws and global best practices, and the guidelines specified under the global public health treaty on tobacco control, World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

"The harmful effects of tobacco use are well-established and accepted globally. Through this report, NLSIU, has recommended a model legal framework for sale of tobacco products through licenced vendors based on the existing law and global best practices. We hope that State and Municipal Governments will consider these recommendations to safeguard Indians especially children and youth from these killer products," said Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil, Professor of Law/Research Head, NLSIU, the Chair on Consumer Law and Practice, Bengaluru.

MCC constitutes City Vendors Committee

Mysuru, Mar. 2- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), under Karnataka Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Rules, 2019, has constituted City Vendors Committee for the benefit of street vendors.

The MCC Commissioner will be the Chairman of the Committee while Community Affairs Officer will be the Hon. Secretary. Mysuru City Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic), MCC Additional Commissioner, Health officers, Executive Engineers, Environmental Engineers, Managers of Mysuru district Lead Bank and Tahsildars of District Planning Cell will be the members of the Committee.

Bhaskar Srinivasraje Urs, R. Guruswamy, B.S. Ravi, Prabhuswamy, M. Anitakumari, Nagaratnamma, Ziaulla, B. Basappa, Bharati and V. Vadivelu have been selected as its non-Governmental members.

Corporator Sunanda Palanetra, V. Vishwanath and Nalini (as women's representative) of Karnataka State Street Vendors Maha Mandala (KSSVMM), C. Narayanagowda of Hotel Owners Association, A.V. Vidya (representing NGOs), G.K. Joshi (representing Labour Unions), Veena and Hemavathi (representing Residents Welfare Association - RWA) have been nominated for the Committee, according to a press release.

AIISH's Live Phone-in prog.

Mysuru, Mar. 2- Marking the occasion of World Hearing Day 2021, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, has organised a live Phone-in Programme on the topic 'All about the Importance of World Hearing Day' on Mar. 3 from 2 pm to 3 pm.

This live phone-in programme will focus on the importance of hearing, prevention of hearing loss and hearing care.

Resource persons are Dr. Rajeshwari, Professor and HoD, ENT; Dr. U. Ajith Kumar, Professor of Audiology; Dr. Jayashree C. Shanbal, Head of Tele-centre for Persons with Communication Disorders, according to a press release.

For details, call Ph: 0821-2502530 or 98441-81080.

T. Narasipur BSF Jawan cremated with State honours

Deceased Mohan

T. Narasipur, Mar. 2 (Kumar & KS)- The BSF Jawan from T. Narasipur taluk, who was killed in a road accident at Assam on Sunday, was cremated with State honours at his native pace T. Bettahalli near Mudukuthore in T. Narasipur taluk this morning.

The deceased Jawan is Mohan (34). The body arrived at Bettahalli at about 4 am today and was taken in a procession in an open hearse on the main thoroughfares of the village. Army personnel, Police, MLA Ashwin Kumar, Tahsildar D. Nagesh and the villagers, who paid their last respects to Jawan Mohan, accompanied the hearse during the procession.

The Taluk Administration had identified the cremation spot near the Banks of River Cauvery in the village and the body was cremated with full State honours.

Mohan had joined the BSF 10 years ago and was deployed for highway patrolling at Assam. On Sunday evening, Mohan was crossing the Highway when a speeding two-wheeler knocked him down resulting in Mohan sustaining severe injuries and breathing his last on the spot.

The body of Mohan was flown from Assam to Bengaluru. After arriving at Bengaluru at 8.30 pm yesterday, it was taken to T. Bettahalli by Road.

Mohan leaves behind his wife Ambika and one-year-old son. Mohan had come to his native place on a one week leave to take part in Mudukuthore Jatra Mahotsav and had returned to duty last Wednesday, telling his family members that he would come the next year for the Jatra Mahotsav.

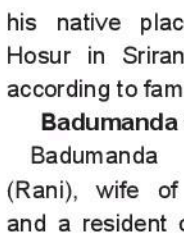
Short circuit at Lakshmipuram College

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK&KS)- An electrical meter board was destroyed due to short circuit at Lakshmipuram PU College yesterday. It is learnt that the short circuit took place following high voltage which also resulted in the fire destroying electrical wirings at the college.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who arrived at the spot, doused the fire and prevented further damage.

Lakshmipuram Police also visited the spot and conducted mahazar.

Petrol bomb explosion at shooting spot; actor Rishab Shetty injured



Rishab Shetty

Hassan, Mar. 2- Sandalwood actor and director Rishab Shetty suffered burns on his back when a petrol bomb exploded during the shooting of the film 'Hero' near Belur in Hassan yesterday. His hair too was burned in the incident.

Rishab and actress Ganavi were shooting for an action sequence for which petrol bombs were being used. While the first petrol bomb went off without any problem, the second bomb exploded causing injuries to the actor. As preventive measures were in place, no major incident took place. Rishab is being treated at a nearby private hospital and is said to be out of danger.

BEML employees' second round of protest against privatisation moves

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (PM&DM)- Alleging that the Government was out to privatise Defence Public Sector giant BEML (Bharath Earth Movers Limited), employees of BEML in the city launched their second round of protest in front of the Factory on Hootagalli-KRS Road here yesterday.

As part of the protest, office-bearers of the employees Association will stage demonstration between 2 pm and 4 pm on all days for a fortnight, while other workers will stage a sit-in protest for half an hour daily between 2.45 pm and 3.15 pm.

Addressing protestors, Employees Assn. President H.Y. Munireddy said that the Union Government has 54.03 percent share holdings in BEML. Claiming that the Government is trying to sell 26 percent shares to the private sector, he said that the Government has extended the deadline for share purchase by private sector till Mar. 22 as no one came forward for purchase till Mar. 1, which was the earlier deadline. Maintaining that disinterest of the private sector for the purchase of shares is the first victory for the employees, he urged the Government to drop privatisation plans considering that BEML is a big player in the Defence sector and was also earning good revenues.

Association office-bearers M.D. Rajshekarmurthy, Govinda reddy and Suresh were present.

Obituary

H.M. Mahadev

Mysuru, Mar. 2- H.M. Mahadev (68), retired Manager at State Bank of Mysore and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday (Mar. 1).

He leaves behind his wife Manjula, sons M. Abhishek and M. Shreyas, daughters-in-law R. Pavithra and K. Archana and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Chandagala Hosur in Srirangapatna taluk, according to family sources.

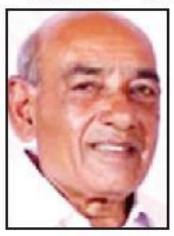
Badumanda Chondavva

Badumanda Chondavva (Rani), wife of late Achappa and a resident of Manchegowdanakoppal in Hebbal 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city. She was 86.

She leaves behind three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

K.T. Gopal



Hunsur: K.T. Gopal (77), State BJP Executive Committee Member and former Taluk BJP unit President, passed away on Sunday in the town.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm in Basavanahalli, near Gaddige in the taluk, according to family sources.

Nagarajanayaka

Suttur: Nagarajanayaka (55), husband of Taluk Panchayat Member Lingarajamma and a resident of Bilugali village in Nanjangud taluk, passed away in the village yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this morning.

Kodimaniyanda Kamala

Madikeri: Kodimaniyanda Kamala (Nayakanda), wife of late Medappa (Chiru) and a resident of Kunjila village in Kakkabe, Kodagu, passed away yesterday at the village.

She leaves behind three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the Kunjila village today, according to family sources.

Ex-MLA stages stir against exorbitant LPG cylinder price

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (PM&KS)- Strongly condemning the exorbitant LPG cylinder price and frequent increase in its prices, about 40 people, led by former Krishnaraja MLA M.K. Somashekar, staged a protest at Chamundipuram Circle here this morning as also dumped a LPG cylinder into a garbage vehicle.

The MLA said that the frequent increase in LPG cylinder prices was unscientific which was causing a lot of problems to the middle class and the poor. Pointing out that LPG was as important as air, water and light, he said that a day would come when the people come to the streets protesting against the Centre.

He said that the LPG cylinder price was Rs. 380 when the crude oil price was 118 dollars a barrel and added that now, when the crude oil price was 66 dollars, the cost of LPG cylinder now was Rs. 824.

Pointing out that there has been an increase of Rs. 125 per LPG cylinder in 25 days, the MLA said that even the prices of petrol and diesel has increased resulting in a middle class family coughing up an additional Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 3,000 per month.

The protesters led by the MLA later dumped a LPG cylinder into a garbage vehicle as a protest.

Former Mayors Pushpalatha Jagannath and Narayan, Corporators Gopi and Shobha Sunil, leaders P. Raju, Dairy Venkatesh, Srinath Babu and others took part in the protest.

Dry run of six empty 'Ambaaris' on city roads

To ensure Tourism Minister's inaugural ride in the evening passes off smoothly

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MTY&BCT)- 'Ambaari,' a specially-built open roof top double-decker bus operated by Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), will be dedicated to the State by Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar at a programme in Mysuru at 5.45 pm today.

The Minister will flag off the bus service at *Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel* on the sidelines of **'Connect-2021'** organised by Tourism Department and Karnataka Tourism Society. KSTDC Chairperson and actress Shruthi Krishna and other tourism stakeholders will be present.

Based on the model of London's 'Big Bus Tours' of taking tourists around the city in open-roof buses, the 'Ambaari' is a 'Hop-on and Hop-off' initiative for tourists to experience the magnificent City of Palaces and other heritage and cultural structures.

Six buses have arrived in city for the grand inauguration and the project, worth Rs. 5 crore, was announced for tourism destinations of Mysuru and Hampi in the 2019-2020 Budget by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa. Rs. 250 has been fixed per person for the city tour on 'Ambaari.'

Instructions to drivers

Ahead of today evening's inauguration, all the six buses began their dry runs from 9 am on the designated routes to ensure that there are no obstructions during the Minister's inauguration. Fuel was filled to the brim and all the bus drivers were instructed to follow the designated routes.

The double-decker buses have a height of 15 feet and it has been attractively painted. It has a capacity to take 40 people and has lower and upper decks. The buses were built in Bengaluru and the body wrapping has been done based on Karnataka's forms and has motifs representing the rich culture, diversity, wildlife and tourist attractions.

All the six buses started from the KSTDC Office premises (Hotel Mayura on JLB Road) and went around the city where drivers of the buses were instructed to watch out out-grown tree branches and dangling cable wires despite the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) pruning the branches and removing the hanging wires a month back.

Ensuring Minister's comforts

Tourism Department sources told *Star of Mysore* that they want the Minister's inaugural event to pass of incident-free as Yogeeshwar himself was scheduled to go on city rounds in one of the open-roof buses. But officials were not too sure about the Minister going on a city tour as it is his whirlwind tour of Mysuru.

Today morning's dry run had a frequency of every 30 minutes and the buses covered the entire route to come back to KSTDC Office. The dry run went on till about noon. "We want to popularise the bus and today we have made all the buses to go on the designated routes every half an hour. We want the people to recognise 'Ambaari' and hop on it to take a tour," Tourism Department officials said.

The first bus came to city in March last year with an ambition of launching it to attract tourists. But that did not happen due to outbreak of Coronavirus. It may be recalled here that in January this year, the bus had completed two or three trial runs to ensure that tree branches and cables do not obstruct its movement. The one 'Ambaari' that arrived in Mysuru for the launch had to be parked in the KSTDC Office premises till today.

Tourists will get an audio guide the moment the bus reaches the tourist sites identified on the route. The audio will be available in two languages in the beginning — Kannada and English — and the KSTDC has plans to add a couple of foreign languages later.

CITY ROUTE

The 'Ambaari' route covers Hotel Mayura KSTDC Office, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Crawford Hall, Manasagangothri Entrance Gate, Oriental Research Institute (ORI), Ramaswamy Circle, Sanskrit Patashaala, Mysuru City Corporation, Jaganmohan Palace, K.R. Circle, Town Hall, Gandhi Square, Dodda Gadiyara (Silver Jubilee Clock Tower), Palace South Gate, Jayamarthanda Gate, Hardinge Circle, Glass House, Mysuru Zoo, Karanji Lake, Jockey Quarters Circle (Chamundi Hill Circle), Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, Snow City, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Five Light Circle, St. Philomena's Church, Fountain Circle, LIC Circle in Bannimantap, Highway Circle, Bamboo Bazaar Road, Government Ayurveda College Circle, Railway Station Circle and back to Hotel Mayura Hoysala on JLB Road.

Heli Tourism in Mysuru

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa greeting Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar at the BJP Party Office in city this morning as Mysuru District (Rural) President Mangala Somashekar and others look on.

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Replying to another query on hoteliers submitting a memorandum to the Government seeking Industry status, Yogeeshwar said that the Department has taken serious consideration of the memorandum.

Pointing out that hotels are currently classified under the commercial category, he said that the Government will take a decision on granting Industry status to the Hospitality sector considering the fact that Tourism Industry will get a big push by this measure.

Referring to high vehicle entry tax in the State, Yogeeshwar admitted that it had hit the tourism industry to some extent in Karnataka. He said that he would talk to the Chief Minister on introducing one-nation one-tax policy that envisages a uniform tax throughout the country.

Pointing out that the Government is planning to introduce vehicle entry tax on Kerala Model, he said that he has talked to the Chief Minister on making special budgetary allocation for Tourism and it is hoped that such an allocation will give the much needed boost for Tourism.

Do not trust JD(S)

Commenting on the JD(S) style of politics, Yogeeshwar said that the JD(S) is a party which cannot be ever trusted. In an apparent reference to the recent Mysuru Mayoral polls, where the JD(S) struck a last minute deal with the Congress for bagging the Mayor post, Yogeeshwar said he has often stated that the JD(S) is never a party to be trusted by anyone.

Asserting that he was committed to build the BJP in old Mysuru region and thus put an end to the perception that the region is a JD(S) stronghold, the Minister said that he has spoken to the BJP high command on his plans to strengthen the party.

He further said that he has apprised the Party top brass on the dangers of allying with the JD(S) under any circumstances.

Referring to JD(S) leader and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy's repeated jibes targeting him, Yogeeshwar said that such personal attacks are not good in politics.

Asserting that HDK has continued to make remarks against him despite the fact that he (Yogeeshwar) had sent a couple of his followers to appeal the ex-CM against making personal attacks, Yogeeshwar rubbished the claims of HDK that the Minister was making money out of Irrigation pipe supplies.

He also dismissed HDK's charges that he is a Minister who uses Letterhead to seek money from officials, as utterly false and baseless.

Earlier, Yogeeshwar, who arrived on a two-day whirlwind tour of the city,was given a rousing reception by BJP workers.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District President Mangala Somashekar, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, leaders Pradeep, Giridhar and others were present.

Yogeeshwar, who has a busy schedule, later went to Chamundi Hill, where he offered prayers to the deity. Thereafter, he visited the BJP office in Chamundipuram, from where he went to Madhava Krupa, the city RSS office and drove to the residence of senior party leader and Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad at Jayalakshmipuram.

The Minister is scheduled to take part in the all-important **Connect-2021,** an interactive session with Tourism Industry stakeholders, jointly organised by Department of Tourism and Karnataka Tourism Society at *Hotel Radisson Blu* at 5.30 pm.

After taking part in many other official engagements and attending private functions, the Minister will stay overnight at *Hotel Lalitha Mahal.*

Tomorrow (Mar.3), Yogeeshwar will hold a meeting with Tourism Department officials at the DC's Office at 10.30 am, following which he will take part in the KSSIA conference at a Hotel on New Sayyaji Rao road at 12.30 pm and thereafter attend a private function. The Minister, after completing all his other engagements for the day, will leave for Bengaluru at 6.30 pm.

Protest against tree killing

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Protesters from different organisations and groups including People's Movement, Mysore Grahakara Parishat, Karnataka Sena Pade, Kukkarahalli Namma Kere-Namma Javabdari and Kadamba Sene participated in the protest. Observing death of the tree as the death of a human being, activists garlanded remaining stump of the tree and applied kumkum and vermillion to it. A slogan, "Humans are responsible for my death" was painted on the tree remains and as the rituals progressed, several of them got emotional and regretted that the Forest Department that had the responsibility of protecting the trees was cutting them for trivial reasons.

Addressing protesters, activist Bhamy V. Shenoy said, to prevent roots from damaging the house, a concrete wall could be built to prevent the intruding roots instead of cutting the fully-grown and a 40-year-old tree. "We will lodge a complaint with NGT to censure Forest Dept. and the Range Forest Officer of the area for this mindless act," he said.

Retired scientist Usha Subramanya, who had worked in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for over 30 years, said that trees are being cut every other day due to bad planning. "The reason for cutting this tree is ridiculous. If the same trend continues, Mysuru will undoubtedly become another Bengaluru that is bursting at its seams," she said, demanding action against the officer who cleared the tree cutting.

Other activists who spoke on the occasion suggested that environment-conscious citizens must unite and prevent any tree-cutting in the future. It is important to protest before any tree is cut and there is no use in agitating after the damage is done, they felt.

Activists Srikanth Koti, K.S. Venkatesh of Clean Mysuru Foundation, Mrs. Ghose of CFTRI Layout, Shivakumar of Kadamba Sene, Lokesh Tejas Gowda of Karnataka Sena Pade, Malavika Gubbaivani of Aam Aadmi Party S. Shobana, Sumana and others were present.

As soon as the event was over, activists gathered near another peepal tree that was chopped off in the same Muninarayanappa Layout, leaving behind huge trunk. Saddened by this, activists launched an 'Appiko Chaluvali' where they hugged the tree trunk to express their anger.

Kerala tigress recuperates at Mysuru Zoo rescue centre

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (MTY&BCT)- The tigress from Kerala with a snare entangled in its neck that trapped in Gundre Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve on Feb. 28 is recuperating at Mysuru Zoo's Chamundi Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Koorgalli.

The tigress had triggered panic among local residents at Kolavally in Wayanad on Kerala-Karnataka border. The big cat, aged about seven years, had killed three domestic animals and had injured a couple of Forest Department officers in the neighbouring State when they tried to tranquillise and capture it. The feline had moved to Bandipur and was spotted at Gundre Range.

The animal had deep neck injuries after it had got stuck in a snare made out of accelerator wire used in bikes and auto rickshaws. The snare injury on its neck had developed into sepsis. The big cat fell into a cage set up by Bandipur officials at Chamapare Beat near Angaithodu at Gundre.

Veterinarians at the rescue centre have managed to remove the snare. The snare had entangled around the neck two to three months ago and had caused a two-inch wide and one-and-a-half inch deep gash. The tigress is not in a position to get up and move actively as it is exhausted and will take time to get back on to its feet.

Zoo Director Ajit M. Kulkarni told *Star of Mysore* that they are doing their best to revive the tigress. Medicated dressing has been wrapped around its neck after cleaning the wounds. Maggots had infested the wounds and all of them had been removed. "We have applied medicines so that maggots do not populate again around the neck and painkillers, antibiotics and vitamins have been injected to the tigress for it to regain energy," he said.

Veterinarians are administering glucose for it to gain strength. "The medicines that have been administered so far will be effective till a week and it is not advisable to frequently inject medicines," Kulkarni said. An encouraging factor is that the tigress is consuming chicken meat fed to it and also drinking water. This would help in speedy recovery and we are glad that the animal is not starving, he added. This is for the first time that an injured tigress to this extent has been brought to the rescue centre. "The tiger was in deep pain since the last two months and added to it, the feline was fully exhausted. We have taken it as a challenge and we realise that it is a daunting task," Kulkarni said.

Three-day District-level Annual Police Sports Meet begins

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK & DM)- The three-day Mysuru district annual Police Sports Meet began at DAR Parade Grounds in Jyothinagar here this morning.

Woman Police Constable O. Sushmitha Pawar, an international Kabaddi player, Ekalavya and Kempegowda awardee and winner of many other prestigious awards, medals and prizes, inaugurated the event by releasing balloons. She is currently serving at Mysuru District Women's Police Station at Mysuru.

This is first time that a woman Police Constable has inaugurated a Police sports meet in Mysuru. Sushmitha was accorded the honour in recognition of her achievement and excellence in sports and allied fields.

DAR Dy.SP G.G. Raghunandan brought the Sports Torch to the venue. SP C.B. Ryshyanth, Hunsur Sub-Division Dy.SP Raviprasad and other top Police officers were present.

O. Sushmitha Pawar

The valedictory of the three-day event will take place at 4 pm on Mar. 4.

The sporting events include 100, 400, 800 mts. Running Race, 4x100 mts. relay, Shot-Put, Javelin Throw, Fast Walk, Broad Jump, High Jump, Kabaddi, Volley Ball, Discus Throw, Cricket Ball Throw, Musical Chair, Passing the Ball, Badminton, Tennis Ball Cricket, Tug of War, Pistol Shooting at Chamundi Shooting Range in Mysuru, Rifle Shooting at Byadarahalli Firing Range at Mandya district etc.

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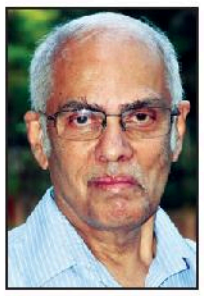
To make sense of sensational news covering high petrol and diesel prices



By Bhamy V. Shenoy

Under UPA when crude oil price reached a high of 147 dollars per barrel in May 2008, petrol price in Delhi was around Rs. 50 per litre. On Feb. 1 this year, crude oil price was 56 dollars per barrel and petrol price was Rs. 86.30 per litre. Already in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, petrol price has exceeded Rs. 100 per litre. How did UPA achieve this 'miracle'? Or did PM Modi choose to 'profiteer at people's misery and suffering' as claimed by Sonia Gandhi in her letter protesting against high fuel prices?

In today's supercharged political environment even the views supported by facts are often misinterpreted. To keep the record straight I am neither a Modi *bakta* nor an opponent of any political party — just an energy economist and 'armchair' environmentalist. All along I have been a supporter of higher taxes (but opposed to any obscene profit by oil companies through manipulation) to mobilise government revenues, especially in the case of India.

UPA managed to keep prices low by forcing Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to sell below cost. OMCs were partly compensated by issuing "oil bonds" which are now being paid by NDA. Private oil marketing companies which were far more efficient than public sector companies had to close down their operations. ONGC and Oil India were forced to sell their production at discounted prices. It is to the credit of NDA that they did not take recourse to any such investor-unfriendly policies. It is most unfortunate that having presided over the ruinous oil sector policies, Sonia Gandhi is now calling Modi's pricing policies as 'profiteering'. Last year, she accused the BJP regime of "extorting money from people."

As shown in Figure-1, Central taxes are a big portion of the price paid to buy petrol — increase from Pre-NDA of 15 percent to current level of 38 percent. Same is true for diesel. When NDA took over from UPA in May 2014, excise tax was Rs. 9.48 per litre for petrol and 3.56 per litre for diesel. Currently they are Rs. 32.98 per litre and 31.83 per litre. As a result of such a massive increase, government will be able to collect Rs. 4.7 lakh crore from petrol and diesel taxes. This is significant in comparison to capital expenditure of Rs. 5.54 lakh crore and personal income tax of Rs. 5.61 lakh crore as included in recently announced budget for 2021-22. Do any economists or political leaders call collecting revenues from corporate or personal income tax or GST or customs duties as 'profiteering'?

In her letter, Sonia Gandhi was asking Modi to follow "Raj Dharma." Public has to decide what is the proper Raj Dharma? Is it selling below cost or taxing those who can afford to support welfare projects like Ujjwala, building toilets, providing health insurance, managing fiscal deficit to control inflation?

In the midst of increasing opposition to higher fuel prices, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has managed to convert this "Great Game" of protesting against fuel price rise into a zero sum game between States and the Central by arguing that it is 'vexatious' issue. According to her there is a need to discuss higher fuel prices and how reduction will be shared between the State and the Centre. This is rather a strange reasoning coming from the Finance Minister. Protesting against fuel price rise has become "Opposition Dharma" for all political parties. There were such protests by BJP in 2010, 2012, and by Congress in 2018, 2020 and 2021?

Now let us examine who is this 'common man' for whose benefits all these protests are organised? According to 2015-16 National Family and Health Services report, just 6 percent of households own cars and 38 percent own two-wheelers. Four-wheelers account for 36 percent of petrol consumption while two-wheelers for 62 percent and three-wheelers for 2 percent. This clearly shows that only the middle class and the rich will be affected by petrol price increase and most can manage.

When it comes to diesel also we have similar statistics. According to a report by Nielsen for Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell, transport sector represents 70 percent of diesel consumption. Remaining 30 percent is from the non-transport sectors — use in agriculture mostly for tractors and pump sets (13.0 percent), industry(9 percent), power generation and others (6.5 percent) and mobile towers (1.5 percent), etc. Owner of a tractor or industrial company is hardly a common man.

Petrol and diesel consumption discussed above clearly shows that "common man" who owns no four or two-wheelers, or common farmer who consumes little or no diesel, is little affected. It is true that those who use public transportation will be affected when diesel prices go up and government should consider assisting them.

Let us take a look at a couple of misleading or even rank fake news. In 2018, *India Today* had an article titled ***"Why Indian Government exports petrol at half the price we pay?"*** Though the article debunked this news item which was shared on social network, the headline left a wrong impression. The activist who started this

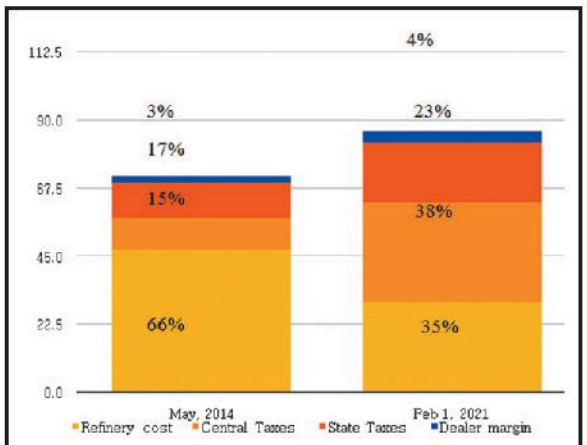


Figure-1 Composition of Retail Petrol price in Delhi — Pre- NDA and current.

fake news compared the export price with the retail price which includes taxes.

Recently there was another headlines reported in many papers ***"51% citizens cutting spending to cope with high fuel prices : Survey."*** This was again misleading because survey was based on unrepresentative sample which was never highlighted.

It is true that some countries do sell petrol below cost. They are oil exporting countries — often ruled by autocrats or dictators. To 'pacify' their citizens, they buy goodwill by selling below cost. In Venezuela, petrol costs Rs. 1.45 per litre and in Iran, Rs. 4.50 per litre. On the other hand there are 41 countries — both developed and developing — where petrol is sold for more than Rs. 100 per litre. Each country has its own political compulsion and India need not be influenced by their pricing policies including that of our neighbours where petrol is cheaper than in India.

There is the unintended benefit of higher petrol price resulting in faster adaption of Electric Vehicles (EVs). This will result in reduction of greenhouse gas producing fossil fuels and India contributing to fight climate change. As reported in *Financial Express,* there are more footfalls of consumers looking for electric vehicles who want to buy or exchange their internal combustion engine bikes for EVs as petrol prices hit Rs. 100 a liter.

Though strong and convincing argument can be made to justify higher fuel price from economic and environmental points of view, it will be finally decided on political expediency. Already some poll-bound States have cut their State taxes. But who will suffer? As argued in this article, it is the common man who pays either through higher inflation or losing welfare projects. Rich and middle class will again be the winners ▪

SWACHH SURVEKSHAN-2021

Desperate MCC looks to shore up citizen feedback

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK&BCT)- If Indore, the largest city in Madhya Pradesh is preparing to do its best to be ranked as the Cleanest City in the country for the fifth year in a row in the upcoming "Swachh Survekshan", Mysuru, the Cultural Capital of Karnataka too is vying to regain the same ranking that it had gained in the First and Second Edition of the Survey in 2015 and 2016, and subsequently lost.

"Swachh Survekshan" (cleanliness survey) is being carried out by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the assessment for which has begun from Mar. 1 and will continue till Mar. 31. Survekshan officials and independent assessors are likely to arrive in Mysuru any time and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is gearing up for the survey.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju said that the focus of the Corporation is to maintain the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, reduce landfills, waste management at source, and segregation of dry waste, wet waste, plastic waste and e-waste, recycling, reusing and organised waste disposal. The MCC is recycling 30 percent of water and utilising it for secondary purposes such as gardening and fountain maintenance.

He said that till last year, the survey was conducted in three categories — Citizen's Feedback, Direct Observation, Service-Level Progress and Certification. "Citizen's Feedback is crucial as it indicates active, passive or non-participation by the citizens. The total Survekshan is of 6,000 marks and we need to score well in Citizen's Feedback as all the previous years, we have been lagging behind there," Dr. Nagaraju said. Apart from categorising cities and ranking them on the basis of their population, cities will also be evaluated on the basis of various indicators such as percentage of waste segregation, quantum of waste processed, recycling of both wet and dry waste, processing of construction and demolition debris.

The survey for Citizens' Feedback began over phone on Jan. 1 and will continue till Mar. 31. "I appeal to the residents to participate in the feedback in large numbers. Last year, 25 marks were allotted to each category and this time there is a tweak where 30 percent marks is reserved for Citizens' Feedback, 40 percent for Service-Level Progress and 30 percent marks for Certification," he said.

"Mysuru is not far behind Indore in terms of cleanliness and direct evaluation by third parties. We are losing out only on the citizen feedback front. We are progressing well in all categories, except Citizens' Feedback and this has made us to miss out on rankings," he added.

People can give their feedback using the QR Code of Swachh Survekshan-2021 or visit *https://swachhsurvekshana2021.org* or call toll-free number 1969 to submit their views. People can download Swachhata app, SS2021 Vote for your city app or MyGov app to submit the feedback.

Human greed causing irreparable damage to nature: H.V. Rajeev

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (YDS&SSV)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev has stressed the need for the protection of environment in the wake of imbalance in nature and unprecedented floods due to erratic weather condition.

Speaking after inaugurating the regional conference of Lions Clubs International Dist. 317A here on Feb. 27, he said: "man was damaging nature without understanding the repercussions resulting in pollution of air, water and noise. Snow-covered mountains were melting due to adverse weather. Unseasonal rains were creating havoc in different parts of the country. This calls for urgent protection of nature before it was too late."

Anna Dasoha

Rajeev said that efforts to end hunger started by way of offering *prasadam* at temples. Subsequently, it took shape of 'Dasoha' in Mutts. Two to three decades ago, children were discontinuing education due to hunger. This prompted the State Govt. to start mid-day meal scheme for school children, he added.

Everyone knows the quality of food served to the school kids despite the Government supplying rice, dal, vegetables and pulses. However, Adamya Chetana Trust run by Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, wife of former Union Minister late H.N. Ananth Kumar, was an exemption as high quality food was served to over 1.5 lakh children of Bengaluru every day. The food is prepared in one location and distributed to schools across the city. This concept has been extended to Rajasthan where lakhs of students were taking benefit of this scheme. The 'Kayaka' of providing quality food to poor children was really a noble job, he added.

He called upon people to develop wisdom and prudence along with their self growth. Lions Club was working in this direction. Ln. Murthy and his friends have opened a centre where they provide food to hungry people for the whole year.

With a view to make Mysuru free from garbage, a Plate Bank has been opened in city in association with Adamya Chetana Trust to check the use of plastic plates and cups.

Earlier, Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, Chairperson of Adamya Chetana Trust and MLA S.A. Ramdas, inaugurated the Plate Bank Counter started jointly by Lions Club of Mysore, Adamya Chetana, Nisarga and Mayuri Association. Lions Regional Chairman S. Murthy, Sumitra Murthy, Office-bearers Govindaraju, Srinivas, Ramesh, Basavegowda, Nanjundaswamy and others were present.

Tejaswini Ananth Kumar praises Mysuru for cleanliness

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (SBD&SSV)- Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, State BJP Vice-President and Chairperson of Adamya Chetana Trust, appreciated the cleanliness in city and promised to join hands to make 'plastic-free' city.

Interacting with BJP workers at BJP Office in Krishnaraja Constituency here on Saturday, Tejaswini said that as soon as she enters Mysuru she will get a feeling of being in a beautiful city.

In fact, the Swachh Survekshan, an annual survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and town across India, has begun here now. At this juncture, it was important for the citizens to support this campaign. In the wake of this, Adamya Chetana Trust, has started 'Plate Bank' here. They have planned tree plantation on every Sundays.

Ramdas urged the State Government to name the proposed Outer Ring Road (ORR) after Union Minister Ananth Kumar for his contribution to the country. This was one way of giving respect to the departed soul.

On party organisation in his Constituency, Ramdas said it was being done differently by appointing President for each booth. Besides, for every page containing the list of voters, 'Page Pramukh' is appointed to improve voting. This has been tried for the first time in the State. During COVID-19, the party workers visited every household in the Constituency to enquire every person, he added.

On the occasion, Ramdas donated 500 steel plates, tumblers and spoons to the newly-started 'Plate Bank.'

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Corporator B.V. Manjunath, KR Constituency BJP President M. Vadivelu were present.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Mar. 2- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Political Science to **H.M. Prabha** for her thesis 'Karnatakadalli Mahila Rajakiya Sabalikaranadalli Swasahaya Sanghagala Patra — Visheshavagi Chikkamagaluru Jille Ondu Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.H. Nagaraja.

M.B. Harsha has been awarded Ph.D in Business Administration by the UoM for his thesis 'Competency Management: A Comparative Study of Select Private and Public Sector Banks in India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. D. Anand.

M.R. Abhilash has been awarded Ph.D in Environmental Science by the UoM for his thesis 'Synthesis of Metal Oxides and their Uses in Industrial Wastewater Treatment by Photocatalytic Process' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Srikantaswamy.

Sadia Tabassum has been awarded Ph.D in Business Administration by the UoM for her thesis 'Marketing of Organic Food Products in Mysore District' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Aisha M. Sheriff.

Santosh Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Physics by the UoM for his thesis 'Study on the Properties of Metal-Semiconductor Schottky Interface Under Radiation Environments' [Guide: Dr. S. Krishnaveni].

M.S. Pushpalatha has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for her thesis 'Hosagannada Kavyadalli Krishna-Kristha: Toulanika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. K. Soubhagyavathi].

H.R. Arunakumara has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by the UoM for his thesis 'Nanjangudu Talukina Devalayagalu Mattu Shasanagalu — Ondu Samskruthika Adhayayana (Arambhada Kaladinda Mysuru Wadiyara Kaladavarege)' [Guide: Dr. C.E. Lokesha.

Dukanya has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for her thesis 'Synthesis, Characterisation and Biological Studies of Chromene-3- Carbonitriles, 1,3,4-Oxadiazoles, Oxazines and Related Compounds' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Basappa.

S. Pushpa has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for her thesis 'Kannada Moukika Athmakatanagalu: Samskruthika Shodha' [Guide: Dr. N.K. Lolakshi].

N. Ramesha has been awarded Ph.D in Physical Education by the UoM for his thesis 'Relationship of Selected Anthropometric, Motor Ability and Psychological Variables with Skill Performance of Male Badminton Players' [Guide: Dr. C. Venkatesh].

K.G. Vindya has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for her thesis 'Synthesis and Characterisation of Purine and Phyrimidine Conjugated Heterocycles and their Biological Studies' [Guide: Prof. K.S. Rangappa].

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mukthagangothri, Mysuru, has awarded Ph.D in English literature to **S. Srikanth** for his thesis 'Suffering Women: A Study of the Selected Novels of Taslima Nasrin' submitted under the guidance of Prof. S.N. Vikram Raj Urs.

Karnataka Samskrit University, Bengaluru, has awarded Ph.D in Vedanta to **M. Pushpalatha** for her thesis 'Sosale Revanaradhya virachithasya Savkyashivadikya Shikamanigranthasya Sampadanamadhyayanam Cha' [Guide: Dr. Sharath Chandra Swamy].

Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu, has awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science to **Puttaswamy** for his thesis 'Information Needs and Use Pattern of Medical Professionals in Mysuru District: A Study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Jayaprakash.

WORD OF THE DAY

Perdure

Pronunciation: per-DUR.
Meaning: To continue to exist : last.
Origin: Perdure may be an unfamiliar word for many of our readers, but those who suspect they see hints of its ancestry in the more familiar synonym endure are correct. Perdure was borrowed into Middle English from Anglo-French and traces back to the Latin verb perdurare, meaning "to continue." Perdurare, in turn, was formed by combining the intensifying prefix per- with the verb durare, meaning "to last." Durare is also an ancestor of the English words endure, durable, indurate, and during, among others.
Example: "The making of a variety show—a nearly extinct genre that perdures as comedy fodder—is also the subject of David Cerda's 'The Rip Nelson Holiday Quarantine Special,' presented by the Chicago company Hell in a Handbag." — Elizabeth Vincentelli

THE ODD WORD

Pachynsis

Thickening.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Penny wise and pound foolish

Meaning: Careful with one's spending of small sums of money but careless and wasteful with larger amounts.
Origin: There isn't a great deal to be said about the expression 'penny wise and pound foolish' other than it is approximately 500 years old and originated in England. It is first recorded in Francis Meres' Luis de Granada's Sinners Guyde, translated, or as Meres puts it 'digested into English', in 1598: Least he (as it is wont to be sayd) be penny wise and pound foolish, least he I say, gather ashes, and cast away flower. Everyone loves saving money, cutting back, and reducing expenses. However, sometimes there is a tendency to focus on the wrong things. While you're busy feeling good about reducing little costs here and there, every once in a while you neglect the larger picture.
Example: Saving money by not going to the doctor for regular check-ups (those $20 copayments can add up!) or taking the bare minimum health insurance plan, but having to pay a large sum in an emergency. (This goes for any necessary insurance, not just health.)

QUOTE BOX

Tough times call for tough choices and pinching every penny.

—John Hickenlooper

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SPO ILS

Answer :Divide the spoils.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

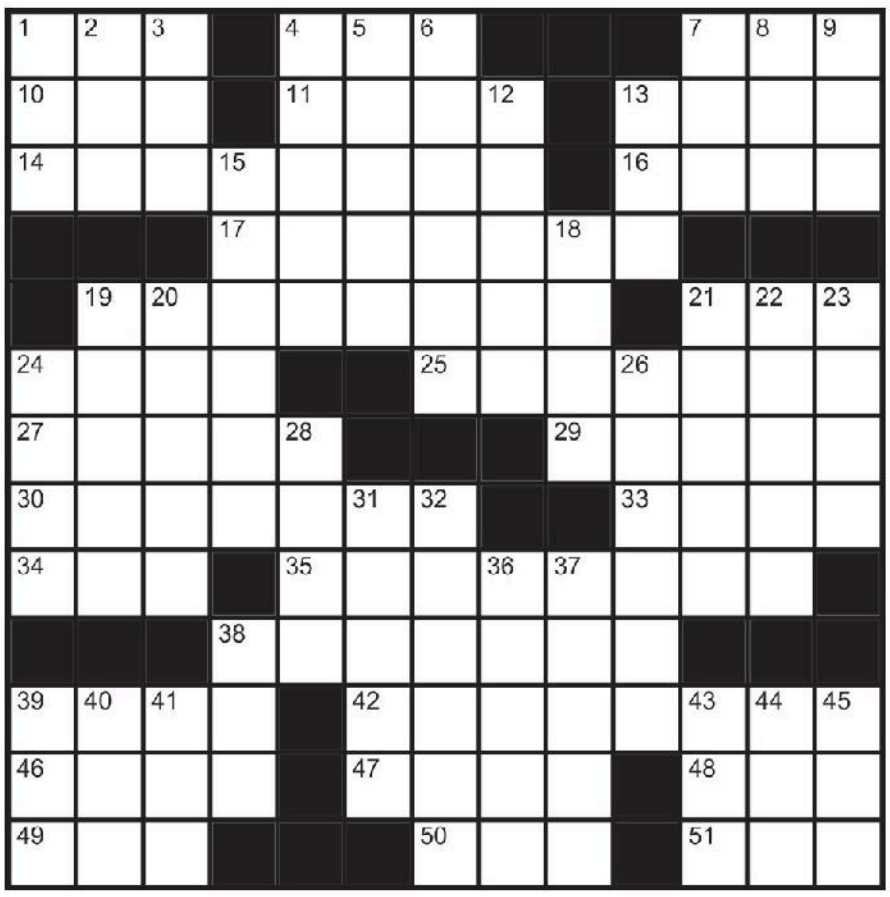
1 Track circuit
4 Japanese Air Lines, in short
7 Central Technical Operations
10 The German for 'east'
11 Modify the text
13 Sounds of delight
14 What every actor craves to have to play? (4,4)
16 ___ fixe (an obsession)
17 Pertaining to curved courses of planets
19 A decade, if you wish (3,5)
21 Mil. award
24 Tibetan or Buddhist priest
25 Artless simplicity
27 Chosen few
29 Indicates or identifies
30 Chooses
33 Circular edges of certain objects
34 T.S. Eliot's initials
35 Barbers give them
38 Lonely and sad; forsaken
39 Brood
42 Swords or bayonets or pistols?
46 Demonstrate
47 Cools or freezes?
48 Yes for the Frenchman
49 Greenwich Mean Time
50 Ancient Order of the Shepherds
51 Nondirectional Beacon

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	S	M	E	■	C	A	F	E	■	B	Y	E
A	P	E	X	■	A	D	E	N	■	H	S	I
G	U	I	P	■	B	R	U	S	S	E	L	S
C	D	D	E	R	■	■	D	U	E	L	■	■
■	■	■	N	U	M	B	■	E	X	P	A	T
W	H	I	S	T	L	E	R	■	■	U	G	H
H	I	D	E	■	I	L	O	■	A	R	I	A
I	F	E	■	■	I	L	L	U	S	I	O	N
P	I	E	C	E	■	E	E	L	S	■	■	■
■	■	F	O	L	D	■	■	T	I	F	F	S
N	A	I	L	D	O	W	N	■	S	A	L	T
N	Y	X	■	E	P	O	S	■	T	R	I	O
E	N	E	■	R	E	N	E	■	S	E	T	A

DOWN

1 Record events
2 Kyushu mountain
3 Please turn over, acronym
4 Tom's prey
5 Unburnt sun-dried brick
6 "Ali nil" anagram for a girl's name?
7 Scoundrel
8 Definite article
9 Sugar suffix
12 Four as a prefix
13 Be unwell
15 Give as a grant
18 Like it is depicted ? (2,2)
19 Stories or narrations
20 Author Zola
21 Resign or abdicate?
22 Stalks
23 Servicemen's dining hall facility
24 For the fear that
26 Vedic god
28 Rebound of sound
31 Ankle bones
32 Mineral in quartz
36 Wild West carnival
37 Salad ingredient ?
38 Hardly any
39 Chow mein enhancer
40 Resistance unit
41 Container of ink, jam, glue, etc
43 Harry Potter's best friend
44 Mire
45 Related by blood; akin



SUDOKO

5							7	1
		4				2		
	9				6			
			3	4			2	
2	3		7		1		8	5
	8			2	5			
			9				5	
		3				7		
8	5							6

Answer to previous puzzle

9	6	1	4	2	7	5	3	8
2	7	5	1	3	8	6	9	4
8	3	4	9	5	6	2	1	7
1	5	2	6	9	4	8	7	3
6	4	7	2	8	3	1	5	9
3	8	9	5	7	1	4	2	6
5	2	3	8	6	9	7	4	1
7	1	6	3	4	2	9	8	5
4	9	8	7	1	5	3	6	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RMM ROKDRMA RQZ ZFNRM SNE AJDZ ROKDRMA

RQZ DJQZ ZFNRM EPRO JEPZQA.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS L

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: In every work of genius we recognize our own rejected thoughts; they come back to us with a certain alienated majesty.

KSCA selection trials
for U-16 team on Mar. 8

Mysuru, Mar. 2- The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Mysuru Zone, will be conducting selection trials to select the U-16 Inter-District teams on Mar. 8 at SDNR Wadiyar Grounds at 8 am. Players are requested to register their names with original age proof certificate along with xerox copy at the Office of KSCA Mysuru Zone before Mar. 6 (before 4 pm).

Players born on or after Sept. 1, 2004 are eligible to participate in the selection, according to a press release from KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor S. Sudhakar Rai.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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  Pogaru (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 9986022634**
  Pogaru (K) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
  Scary Forest (K) - 4 Shows

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Check (Te)	(S-1)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.50, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am
Chakra (Ta)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm
Cyanide Mallika (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
The Marksman (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Operation Java (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kushka (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
The Vigil (E)	(S-3)	7.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	2.05 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 5.15 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	9.00 pm
Tom and Jerry (E)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 7.00 pm
Cyanide Mallika (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Check (Te)	(S-2)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Salt (K)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
Preman (K)	(S-3)	11.50 am
Kushka (K)	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Operation Java (Ma)	(S-3)	9.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ambani Putra (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Check (Te)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-2)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 11 am
Angulika (Te)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 3 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 5 pm, 8.15 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Winners of South Zone Floodlight Football Tournament

Mysuru, Mar. 2- VR Football Club, Mysuru, won 1st place with cash prize Rs. 55,555 along with the attractive trophy in the South Zone-level Floodlight 5s Football Tournament which was held at Siddartha High School Ground in Gandhi Nagar, Mysuru, recently. The Tournament was conducted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Football Club.

KD Football Club, Bengaluru, won 2nd prize with cash Rs. 33,333, along with an attractive trophy; Vijayanagar Football Club won 3rd prize with cash of Rs. 11,111, along with a trophy.

Yogith Gowda and Ranjith were adjudged best players of the Tournament.

The prize was distributed by International Athlete and Superintendent of Customs M. Yogendra and Club President S. Puttaswamy, both were felicitated on this occasion. Former Mayor Daskhinamurthy, Corparator Dr. Ashwini Sharath, Railways Chief Ticket Inspector K. Gururaj, Lohith, *Maja Talkies* Jagappa, Vishal Raj, Madhan, Club Secretary K. Vishwa Raj and Treasurer K. Hema Raj were present on the occasion.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR. 2)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Ministry of Textile (Department of Handicraft), Government of India, New Delhi:** Craft Bazaar, JSS Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Estate, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru:** Talk by Pujya Swami Chidananda of Fowai Forum, Mumbai, on 'Shivanandalahari' composed by Adi Shankaracharya in Kannada, Ramana Jnana Kendra, Adichunchanagiri Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival**

Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru and Karnataka Balavikas Academy, Dharwad: Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival, folk songs by M.C. Arun and troupe; Staging of Horeyala Doreswamy's play 'Midichambhatta' by students of Drushya Trust, Melukote (Director: K.R. Girish, Melukote), D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu, Mysore University Syndicate Member Dr. Damodar Nayak, Purshutham of Government College-Mysuru, former Corporator N. Dhruvaraj, Youth Congress Block Vice-President S. Sharath and Sanchalana Mysore President Deepak Mysore will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR. 3)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Ministry of Textile (Department of Handicraft), Government of India, New Delhi:** Craft Bazaar, JSS Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Estate, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore (UoM) and Sundarraj Sneha Kalaniketana, Mysuru:** Book release — A. Sundarraj's 'Balliyodala Hugalu' — by UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Prasaranga Director Prof. Nilagiri M. Talawar speaks about the book, Centre Director Dr. K. Sadashiva presides, Centre Visiting Professor C. Ramaswamy, Kannada & Culture Department Asst. Director H. Chennappa and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna chief guest, Centre premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Kashmir Festival:** Exhibition-cum-sale of Kashmir's traditional art, craft and textiles, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri K. Puttaswamy First Grade College:** Valedictory of 3-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'IFRS (IND-AS),' valedictory address by Professor and Dean - Faculty of Commerce, Manasagangothri Dr. H. Rajashekar, Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath presides, Department of Collegiate Education-Mysuru Region Prof. R. Murugeshappa chief guest, Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar and Sri K. Puttaswamy First Grade College Principal Dr. M. Shivalinge Gowda guests of honour, Training and Placement Seminar Hall, MBA Block, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Gokulam 3rd Stage, **3.45 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru and Karnataka Balavikas Academy, Dharwad:** Sanchalana Children's Theatre Festival, Light Classical Music by disciples of Sangeetha Vidwan Raghu R. Mysore; Staging of play 'Black and White' by Adamya Rangashale, Mysuru (Director: Praveen Belli); Mysore Paints & Varnish Ltd. President N.V. Phaneesh, Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Manjula of Government College-Mysuru, Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum President H.S. Suresh Babu and Sanchalana Mysore President Deepak Mysore will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
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Djokovic equals Federer's record

Novak Djokovic & Roger Federer

London, Mar. 2- Novak Djokovic matched Roger Federer's all-time record for the most weeks as ATP world number one yesterday, holding the top spot for the 310th week.

Djokovic's ninth Australian Open title last month ensured the 18-time Grand Slam champion will surpass Federer's record next week. The Serb reclaimed the top ranking from Rafael Nadal in February 2020 and finished as year-end number one for the sixth time, tying the mark set by Pete Sampras.

This is Djokovic's fifth different stint atop the rankings. He spent 122 consecutive weeks as number one between July 2014 and November 2016. That record is currently held by Federer (237).

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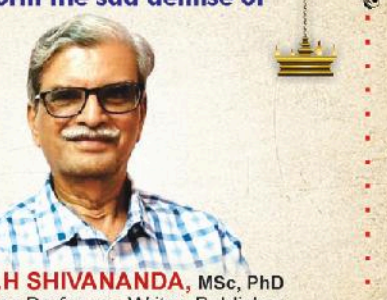

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